

# **SAME DAY REGISTRATION SURVEY VIRGINIA 2024 GENERAL ELECTION**

*Survey of General Registrars who oversaw over 123,000 provisional, Same Day  
Registration ballots in the 2024 Presidential Election  
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## Q1. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the Virginia Same Day Registration (SDR) process?

Locality Size	0-2 years	3-5 years	6-10 years	11-20 years	over 20 years	Grand Total	% of Total
<b>Satisfied</b>							
Medium		1		1		2	
Small		1				1	14%
<b>Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied</b>							
Large				1	2	3	
Medium		1				1	
Small		1				1	23%
<b>Somewhat Dissatisfied</b>							
Large				1		1	
Medium		1		1	1	3	
Small		1			1	2	27%
<b>Very dissatisfied</b>							
Medium	1	1	1	2	1	6	
Small	1				1	2	36%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>22</b>	

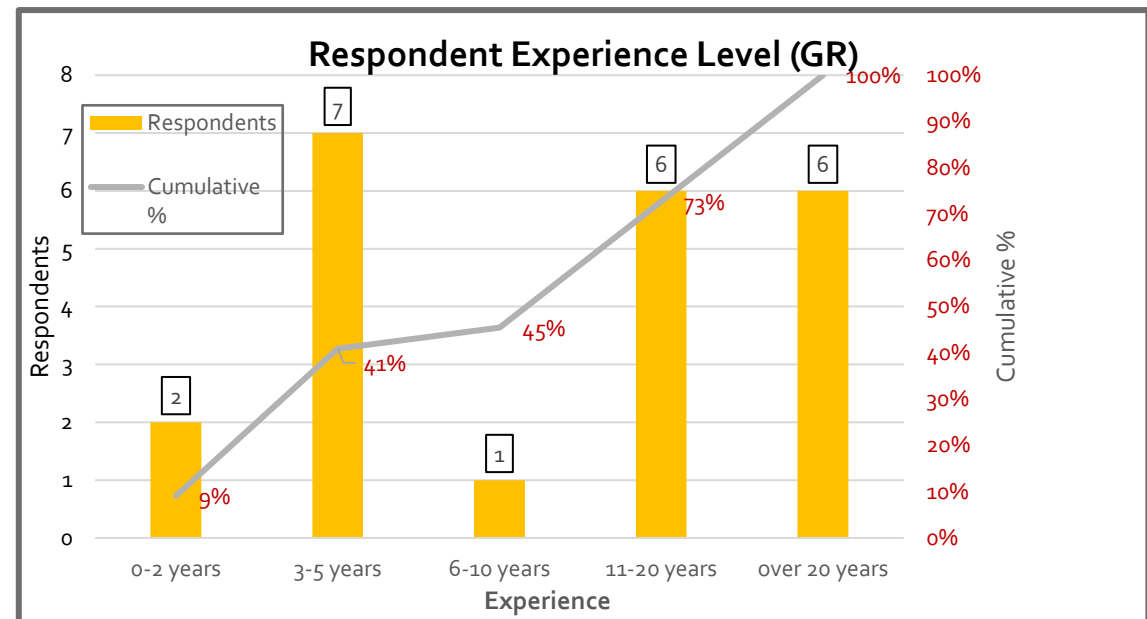
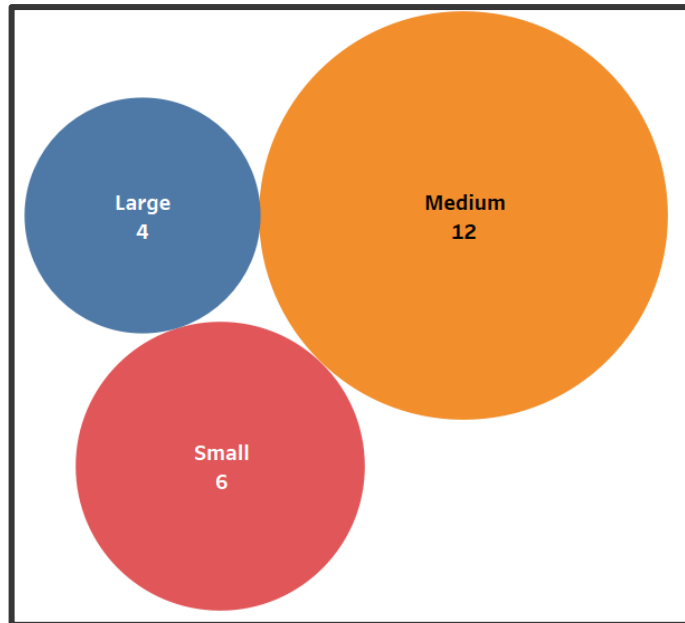
**Q1. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the Virginia Same Day Registration (SDR) process?**

Locality Size	All		
Overall SDR Process Satisfaction		Respondents	% of Total
Satisfied		3	14%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied		5	23%
Somewhat Dissatisfied		6	27%
Very dissatisfied		8	36%
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>22</b>	

## Comments on SDR Process, by Locality and Years of Experience

Respondents	Experience						
Locality Size	0-2 years	11-20 years	3-5 years	6-10 years	over 20 years	Grand Total	
<b>Large</b>							
(blank)		2			2	4	
<b>Medium</b>							
(blank)	1	4	4	1	1	11	
<p>overwhelmed our Officers of Election. SDR should end on the Saturday before Election Day. We are better equipped to handle this process in the Office, it bogged down our polling places and many of our Officers of Election are no longer interested in working if the SDR process continues on Election Day. There are 45 days to vote early, registration is all year. Voting used to be special because it was a Day and now it's taken for granted. We now have tons of Voter ID cards being returned with voters already having moved, so what does that tell you?</p>							
<b>Small</b>							
(blank)	1		3		2	6	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>22</b>	

## Q2. How would you estimate your locality size, with respect to the other Virginia localities and experience level?



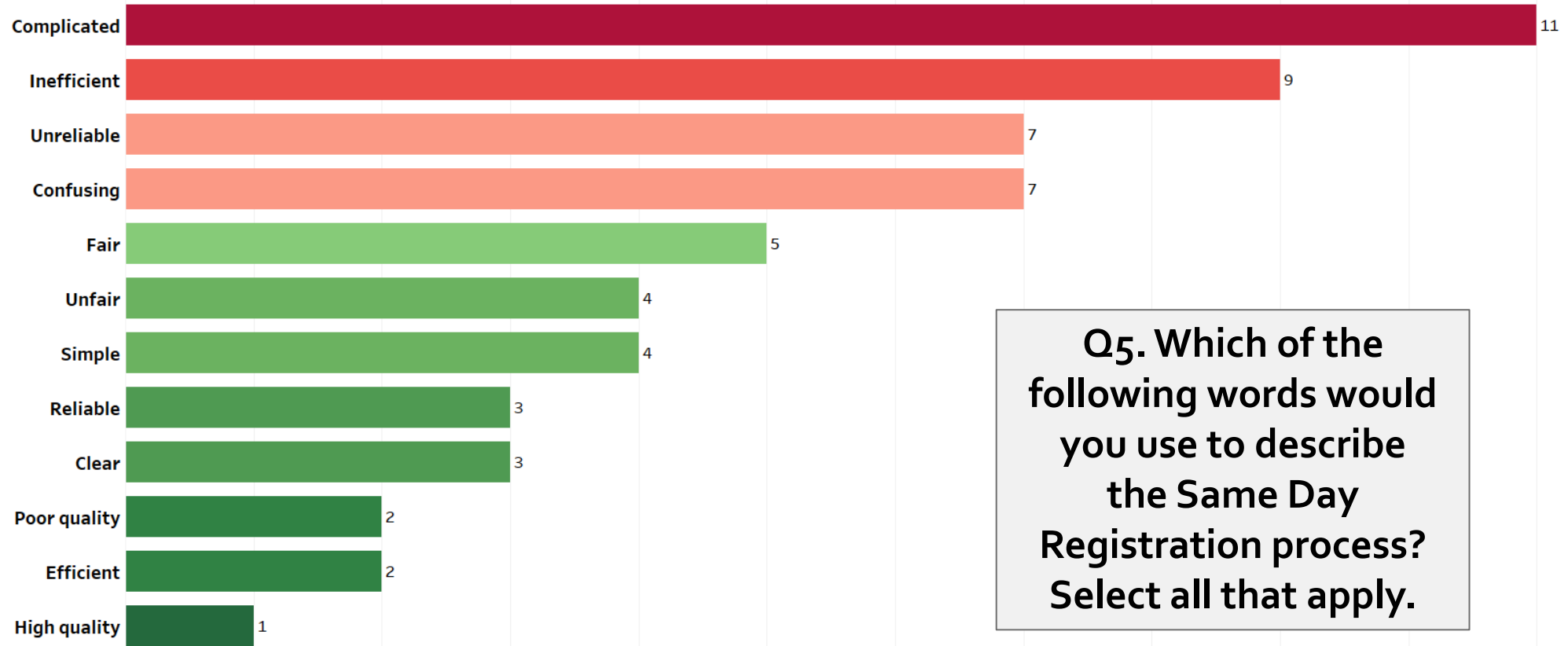
### Q3. Did election officials at your precincts have adequate training to properly process SDRs?

Respondents	Experience					Grand Total
Locality Size	0-2 years	3-5 years	6-10 years	11-20 years	over 20 years	Grand Total
<b>Large</b>						
Yes, the training was adequate and applicable to the actual SDR process				1	1	2
Mostly, but we still had some on the fly learning and the criteria needed from registrants (valid ID, assigned precinct, eligibility to vote, etc.) was not always clear				1	1	2
<b>Medium</b>						
Yes, the training was adequate and applicable to the actual SDR process		3		2	1	6
Mostly, but we still had some on the fly learning and the criteria needed from registrants (valid ID, assigned precinct, eligibility to vote, etc.) was not always clear	1	1		2	1	5
(blank)			1			1
<b>Small</b>						
Yes, the training was adequate and applicable to the actual SDR process		2			1	3
Mostly, but we still had some on the fly learning and the criteria needed from registrants (valid ID, assigned precinct, eligibility to vote, etc.) was not always clear	1				1	2
Some precincts yes, others no		1				1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>22</b>

## Q4. Were your election officials able to process SDRs in a timely manner?

Respondents	Experience					
Able To Process In A Timely Manner	0-2 years	3-5 years	6-10 years	11-20 years	over 20 years	Grand Total
<b>Large</b>						
Mostly, but when multiple SDRs were requested simultaneously, the processing level of effort resulted in longer wait times for other voters				2	2	4
<b>Medium</b>						
Yes, even a moderate volume of SDRs did not introduce a significant wait time for other voters		2		2		4
(blank)			1			1
Mostly, but when multiple SDRs were requested simultaneously, the processing level of effort resulted in longer wait times for other voters	1	2		2	1	6
Some precincts yes, others no					1	1
<b>Small</b>						
Yes, even a moderate volume of SDRs did not introduce a significant wait time for other voters					1	1
Mostly, but when multiple SDRs were requested simultaneously, the processing level of effort resulted in longer wait times for other voters		3			1	4
No, SDR processing was slow and frequently caused longer wait times for other voters	1					1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>22</b>

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**Q5. Which of the following words would you use to describe the Same Day Registration process? Select all that apply.**



## (Q5.) Comments on words used to describe Same Day Registration process

Respondents	Experience					Grand Total	% of Total
Locality Size All	0-2 years	3-5 years	6-10 years	11-20 years	over 20 years		
The answers I have chosen apply to the election day workers who are only exposed to it 1-2 days per year.				1		1	64%
(blank)	2	4	1	4	2	13	
SDR is simple provisional process with potential extenuating circumstances. Officers need to understand outside circumstances.				1		1	14%
It confuses voters and they are nervous about completing the forms and voting their Ballot. More advertisement and information needs to be available to the public.					1	1	
We wish it would be used infrequently.		1				1	
Overwhelming					1	1	23%
Required legislation of the Code is not being implemented fairly to all registrants and includes or excludes applicants depending on their circumstances. For example, 1VAC20-40-40.		1				1	
Time consuming the day of the election and more so, after the election.		1				1	
unnecessary					1	1	
voters are taking advantage instead of what it was intended for					1	1	
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## Q6. If you could change one thing with respect to Same Day Registration, what would it be?

Locality Size	Experience					Grand Total
	0-2 years	3-5 years	6-10 years	11-20 years	over 20 years	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Large</b>						
Nothing				1		1
(blank)					1	1
PLEASE PRINT				1		1
More time to process the same day registration applications after the election, especially when we receive a large number of them.					1	1
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Medium</b>						
to have it end on the Saturday before Election Day					1	1
(blank)		1				1
allow larger jurisdictions more time to process the SDRs after election				1		1
Extend the deadline for registration to 7 days prior to the election in order to decrease the amount of SDRs.		1				1
Don't like it, but if we have to have it, reduce SDR and increase regular registrations	1					1
Extend regular voter registration deadline through the 45 days of early voting and eliminate SDR.			1			1
Have a cut-off date BEFORE Election Day. This just increases the chances of voters voting multiple times.				1		1
Something needs to be done about college students being able to complete an SDR on Election Day, then re-registering back home the next day before we can even process the SDR.				1		1

*Large, Medium  
Locality Responses*

## Q6. (Continued) If you could change one thing with respect to the provisional ballot adjudication process, what would it be?

Locality Size	0-2 years	3-5 years	6-10 years	11-20 years	over 20 years	Grand Total
<b>Medium</b>						
Get rid of it		1				1
Eliminate it!				1		1
Do away with it.					1	1
Discontinue SDR. Legislate voter outreach campaigns for final day of registration awareness. Extend voter registration deadline to no later than deadline to request AB.		1				1
<b>Small</b>						
Advertise and explain the process.					1	1
(blank)		1				1
Allow normal registrations up until the Absentee application date, to cut down on the number of SDRs.		1				1
Change the close of books date to allow for registrations up to the Friday before the election. This should eliminate so many Same Day Registrations on election day.		1				1
Keep voter registration open until the Friday before the Election. Obtain funding from General Assembly for additional resources.	1					1
End it.					1	1
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*Medium-Small  
Locality  
Responses*

## Q7. How long have you been involved in management and execution of election processes?

Experience	Respondents	Cumulative %
0-2 years	2	9%
3-5 years	7	41%
6-10 years	1	45%
11-20 years	6	73%
over 20 years	6	100%
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*Electoral Process Education Corporation would like to thank General Registrars across Virginia for their time and participation with this survey about their experience in the 2024 General Election in which more than 120,000 provisional, Same Day Registration ballots were processed.*

*To see the summary of results, and responses from EPEC's survey of Electoral Board Members, go to <https://epec.info/samedayregistrationsurvey>*

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